

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

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Senate Bill 435 establishes that no manufacturer, wholesaler, or retailer may sell or give away a thermometer that contains mercury. The bill also specifies five exceptions to this prohibition.

Senate Amendment 1 creates a sixth exception to the prohibition in the bill on selling or giving away a thermometer that contains mercury. This exception is for an antique or collectible mercury thermometer manufactured before 1998 on which advertising is displayed. According to testimony at the March 5, 2002 hearing on the bill, an example of such a thermometer is a thermometer with advertising on it that was placed on the side of a barn.

On March 5, 2002, the Senate Environmental Resources Committee recommended adoption of Senate Amendment 1 on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of Senate Bill 435, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

On March 12, 2002, the Senate adopted Senate Amendment 1 on a voice vote and passed Senate Bill 435, as amended, on a voice vote.

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